

Rompieron nuestra puerta, violaron nuestro templo (They kicked down our door, they violated our temple)

Y el mundo está consciente (And the world is aware)

De que el Movimiento San Isidro continúa puesto (The San Isidro Movement continues firm)

Seguimos en las mismas, la seguridad metiendo prisma (We are in the same situation, state security watching)

Esas cosas a mí como me indignan, se acabó el enigma (These things outrage me; the enigma is over)

Ya sa' tu revolución maligna, soy Funky style, aquí tienes mi firma (Enough of your evil revolution, I am Funky style, here is my signature)

Ya ustedes están sobrando, ya no le queda nada, ya se van bajando (You all are useless, you have nothing left, you're in decline)

El pueblo se cansó de estar aguantando (The people are tired of enduring)

Un nuevo amanecer estamos esperando (We are awaiting a new dawn)

Se acabó, tu cinco nueve, yo doble dos (It's over, your five nine, me, double-twos)

Ya se acabó, sesenta años trancado el dominó, mira (It's over, sixty years of a domino stalemate, watch)

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#### HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

##### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, this month marks the 30th anniversary of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which celebrates its Independence Day on December 16 each year. The United States was the first nation to formally recognize Kazakhstan's independence in 1991, and the U.S.-Kazakh relationship has only improved and strengthened over the past three decades.

In 30 years, Kazakhstan has undergone significant changes—largely overseen by Kazakhstan's first President, Nursultan Nazarbayev. Early on, President Nazarbayev decided to close the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site and commit Kazakhstan to nuclear nonproliferation by dismantling the Soviet-era nuclear program. Despite pressure from other regional actors, one of the Republic's first policy decisions was to stand with the United States and commit itself to a nuclear free future. Kazakhstan remains as committed today—30 years later—to the issue of nuclear nonproliferation and continues to champion this cause globally.

Additionally, former President Nazarbayev took steps early in Kazakhstan's existence to align the nation with the West on economic issues—he was committed to creating a free market economy in Kazakhstan. From the start of the Republic, he understood the importance of U.S. investment to not just the Re-

public, but also to the region. Thirty years later, Kazakhstan is a member of the World Trade Organization and has diligently worked to establish a hospitable business and investment climate for foreign investors. Kazakhstan became a member of the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in 1992, and the nation's commitment to the rule of law has never been stronger. Today, U.S. companies are the largest source of direct foreign investment in Kazakhstan.

That's why I support Permanent Normal Trade Relations for Kazakhstan and have joined in a bipartisan effort to pass legislation this Congress to ensure that Kazakhstan is lifted from the Jackson-Vanik amendment—a law meant to target the Soviet Union, a country that no longer exists—and certainly shouldn't impact fellow WTO members. And I can think of no better time, as Kazakhstan celebrates its 30th birthday, to push for such a milestone. I encourage the House of Representatives to pass this legislation as soon as possible.

While I acknowledge that there is still much work to be done in Kazakhstan, I recognize that current President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has been highly focused on pursuing a series of internal reforms focused across almost all sectors of public life in Kazakhstan—from political and parliamentary reforms to updates to existing statutes intended to increase the openness of civil society. Despite external pressures from influential neighbors, Kazakhstan has remained a peaceful and stabilizing force in Central Asia for 30 years—this is a testament to the nation's commitment to democracy and to Western ideals. As the people of Kazakhstan celebrate this great milestone, I applaud this nation on its 30 years of independence and look forward to continuing to strengthen the U.S.—Kazakh bilateral relationship in the coming years.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANDALL P. MANTOOTH

##### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding military service of Lieutenant Colonel Randall P. Mantooth.

LTC Mantooth honorably served in various positrons of increasing responsibility throughout his unprecedented military career spanning over thirty-three years, in which he displayed remarkable service to his community, State, and Nation. LTC Mantooth has proven to be an invaluable leader within the Mississippi Army National Guard, consistently demonstrating professionalism, positive leadership, and responsibility to always consider the wellbeing of his soldiers, state employees and contractors.

LTC Mantooth obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from William Carey University, is a graduate of Air Assault School, Quartermaster Officer Basic & Advance Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Support Operations Course, Theater Sustainment Course, and Command and General Staff College. LTC Mantooth is married to Lana Mantooth, and they have 5 children, Chandler, Lacy, Joseph, Hannah, and Katharine.

LTC Mantooth's military assignments include company, battalion, and joint assignments. At company level he served as Housing officer and commander under garrison command. At battalion level he served as logistics officer and supply officer. Assignments at regiment and brigade level include Division Chief and Chief of Integrations. He currently serves as The Deputy Installation Commander at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

LTC Mantooth distinguished himself through exceptional meritorious service as the Deputy Installation Commander, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. He is responsible for Master Cooperative Agreement, Integrated Training Area Management Program, Range and Training Land Program, and the Facility Management Program to include long/short range planning, scheduling, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and construction of real property for the largest National Guard training installation in the nation and First Army's mobilization force generation installation. Camp Shelby serves as a training installation for all branches of the military to include National Guard and Active DOD service components.

LTC Mantooth is a true American patriot who chose to answer the call to serve our country. It is an honor to recognize his unwavering dedication to our country and to call him my friend.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BYRON DONALDS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed yesterday's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 402.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF ELLEN BALIS

##### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ellen Balis, staff director of the House Budget Committee, who recently retired after 37 years of exceptional service to the Congress and the Executive branch.

Ellen began her career in Federal service at the White House Office of Management and Budget in 1984. She spent more than 20 years at OMB participating in the annual development of the President's Budget and advising senior administration officials on budget policy. In 2007, Ellen joined the Democratic staff of the House Budget Committee to serve as the senior budget analyst in charge of all the "numbers." In that role, she led development of the estimates for Democratic budget resolutions and advised Members and staff on budget policy, concepts, and scoring. She quickly demonstrated her invaluable expertise and became a go-to person for analysis and advice. In 2017, when I became the Ranking Member of the Budget Committee, I asked her to serve